

Minutes of the August 22, 2022 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Skip LeFleur, Donna Green, Jim Wiesner, Steve Krout, Todd Guarino, Tiffany Hafer, Barry Sylus, Jarrett Dixon, Mark Bonfiglio, Peter Preble, Jerae Preble, Diane Williams, and Holly Isaacs.

Brian convened the meeting at the Hall at 7 PM, and everyone was introduced.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Jim provided the Treasurer's Report noting there were now 211 members and 28 sponsors. He reviewed the expenses and revenues since the last report, and the current balance is now \$21,312.28.

Donna reported that there were two hall rentals coming up.

Brian then reviewed the Hall Drainage Project. The intent of the project is to meet the requirements for tenting the Hall for termites. That continues to be a work in progress. The current identified solution is to move the ditch away from the Hall on the west side. However, there are several trees that would be affected with that configuration. Brian noted that the County has been attempting to make contact with the neighbor to talk about that option. Todd agreed to help with this as a liaison for the project with the neighbors.

Brian indicated he had contact with David Bankey on the Bench Replacement Project at the terminus of Bay Street. Dave indicated it has taken much longer than they thought to get the new benches, and they are now going out of town for several weeks and will follow up when they return.

Brian then reviewed the County Traffic Engineering Reports on Orange Street. For the section south of Tampa Road, the County proposes to install two solar powered speed feedback radar signs in the vicinity of Ridge Road for both northbound and southbound traffic. The group accepted that conclusion.

For the section north of Bay Street, the data they collected did not support doing anything at this point for that section. The group wanted to talk more about that at a later meeting.

Concerning the pedestrian crossing proposed to connect to the sidewalk connector to the Pinellas Trail, the level of activity did not justify that initiative. The group accepted that conclusion.

Concerning the activity area between Tampa Road and Bay Street, the group liked the new signs "Entering High Pedestrian Area" but noted they were not very visible to be effective. Possibly a flashing light should be added to these signs. The no parking signs in front of the brewery were questioned as to their value. It was noted they were there before the resurfacing

project added pavement at that location. The group talked about the value of pavement marking to define a pedestrian zone. The group felt there was more discussion needed to explore options to make this a safer area for pedestrians. Brian said he would contact the County traffic people about attending an upcoming meeting to discuss these matters.

Brian then brought up the proposal to have OVIS agree to explore opportunities to provide a golf cart connection between Crystal Beach and Ozona. Brian said he was in contact with Matt Anderson, who is President of the Crystal Beach Association and was also interested in pursuing this matter. However, after discussing the challenges with such a proposal, it was agreed not to pursue that at this time.

Brian indicated the next item was the Ozona Preserve opportunities. Susan had made contact with Lisa of the County, who has agreed to permit volunteer activities, such as clearing up the front section of the Preserve in front of the Preserve fence. Susan indicated she would like to get a group together to pursue this. It was agreed to have an article in the next newsletter setting that up.

Brian then reviewed upcoming events. There would be a Halloween Open House on October 31, the Golf Cart Parade would be on December 11, and the Holiday Potluck would be on December 13. These activities have been penciled in and will be confirmed later. He also said OVIS normally has the Sheriff do a Neighborhood Watch Workshop annually, and that could be scheduled this Fall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.